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1. AT MARCH 20 CLOSED MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE PANEL ON PUBLIC INFORMATION, SOVIET COUNSELOR SAID OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPI) SHOULD ORGANIZE A CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEFEAT OF FASCISM. HE SUGGESTED THAT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY SYG WALDHEIM BE ARRANGED IN THIS CONNECTION. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THE SOVIET SUGGESTION AND THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW-UP IN OPI AS FAR AS WE KNOW. WHILE AN SYG PRESS CONFERENCE ON THIS SUBJECT SEEMS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE, A STATEMENT BY HIM OF SOME KIND CAN BE EXPECTED.

2. AS REPORTED SOME TIME AGO IN NORBURY/HUMPHREY (EUR/SOV) TELCON, SOVIET PERM REP MALIK THROUGH MEMBER OF HIS DELEGATION TO MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE HAS ASKED USUN FOR NAMES OF AMERICAN WW II COMBAT VETERANS HE CAN INVITE TO AN ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY HE IS PLANNING. ALTHOUGH SMUN HAS NOT PRESSED THIS REQUEST IN RECENT WEEKS, GUIDANCE FOR REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. MEANWHILE, SOVIET DELEGATES TO A VARIETY OF UN MEETINGS
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ARE BEGINNING TO MAKE SOMETIMES LENGTHY REFERENCES TO THE

ANNIVERSARY, EVEN IF IT IS WILDLY IRRELEVANT TO THE
PROCEEDINGS AT HAND. WE ARE UNAWARE HOWEVER OF ANY RESOLUTIONS
HAVING BEEN PROPOSED.
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